GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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FIRE MATCHES INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether Government is aware of the problems being faced by the Fire Matches Industry;

(b): if so, whether the Government has conducted any survey/study in this regard;

(c): whether there is any proposal for the advancement of the industry to meet the Global Competition; and

(d): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The State Government of Tamil Nadu had constituted two Committees in 1998 and 2001 to study the problems of tiny and small scale fire matches industries.

(c)&(d): The import of fire matches is restricted in the Export- Import (EXIM) Policy in order to protect the domestic small and tiny manufacturers from global competition. Besides, for the promotion and advancement of tiny and small scale industries, including those manufacturing fire matches, the Government implements a number of schemes and programmes for providing credit, technological, marketing and other supports